

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. AND)	
THE TOWN OF FRANKFORD FOR)	PSC DOCKET NO. 20-0162
APPROVAL OF AN ASSET PURCHASE)	
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 26 <i>DEL. C.</i> § 215)	
(FILED FEBRUARY 27, 2020))	

ORDER NO. 9558

AND NOW, this 18th day of March 2020, the Delaware Public Service Commission (“Commission”) determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("Artesian"), and the Town of Frankford (“Frankford”) (together, the “Applicants”) filed an application (the “Application”) seeking the Commission’s approval for Artesian to purchase all of the rights, title and interest in the water assets of Frankford including the right to provide water service to Frankford’s existing customers; and

WHEREAS, according to the Applicants, as of January 31, 2020, Frankford was serving approximately 362 metered, mostly residential customers located on approximately 323 Sussex County tax parcels, a list of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A;” and

WHEREAS, the rates being charged by Frankford were last approved by Frankford’s Town Council at its July 26, 2018 meeting, a listing of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B;” and

WHEREAS, Artesian has agreed to maintain Frankford’s current rate structure until such time as Artesian connects its regional system to Frankford’s water system and obtains Commission approval to convert Frankford’s water rates to Artesian’s tariffed rates; and

WHEREAS, the Applicants stated that shortly after closing, Artesian will send a notification letter, a copy of which was included in the Application, to the affected customers explaining the change in water service provider; and

WHEREAS, Commission Staff reviewed the Application and, by Memorandum dated March 4, 2020, recommended that the Commission grant the Application because, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 215(d), the acquisition is made in accordance with law, for a proper purpose, and is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that, given Frankford's interest in exiting the business of operating a municipal water utility and Artesian's long history of providing safe, adequate, and reliable water service in Delaware, the proposed acquisition is consistent with the public interest, for a proper purpose, and is in accordance with law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTE OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That, to the extent required by 26 *Del. C.* § 215(d), the Commission hereby approves the proposed sale and transfer of assets from the Town of Frankford to Artesian Water Company, Inc, including the transfer of Frankford's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. A listing of the tax parcel numbers that comprise the transferred service territory is attached as **Exhibit "A."**

2. That the sale and transfer of assets from Frankford to Artesian shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

3. That Artesian shall maintain Frankford's current rate structure until it obtains Commission approval to convert Frankford's water rates to Artesian's tariffed rates. Frankford's current rates are attached as **Exhibit "B."**

4. That Artesian shall comply with any and all federal, state, county, and local statutes, ordinances, orders, regulations, rules, and permit conditions that are applicable, or may become applicable, to any matter involving water utility services provided to the service territory.

5. That the Commission's approval herein does not approve or authorize any particular ratemaking treatment of the acquisition price or the assets acquired. The Commission will determine the appropriate ratemaking treatment of the acquisition price and the assets acquired in Artesian's next base rate case.

6. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

E X H I B I T "A"

APPROVED SERVICE AREA
PARCELS WITHIN CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.
PSC DOCKET NO. 20-0162

TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS

233-11.00-313.00	433-6.11-6.02	433-6.14-32.03
233-16.00-2.00	433-6.11-6.03	433-6.14-34.00
233-16.00-4.01	433-6.11-6.04	433-6.14-35.00
433-6.00-20.01	433-6.11-8.00	433-6.15-2.03
433-6.00-34.00	433-6.11-9.00	433-6.15-3.00
433-6.00-35.00	433-6.11-10.00	433-6.15-5.00
433-6.00-36.00	433-6.11-12.00	433-6.15-6.00
433-6.00-36.01	433-6.11-13.00	433-6.15-7.00
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433-6.00-127.00	433-6.14-10.00	433-6.15-13.01
433-6.06-1.00	433-6.14-11.00	433-6.15-15.00
433-6.06-3.01	433-6.14-12.00	433-6.15-16.00
433-6.10-1.00	433-6.14-13.00	433-6.15-17.00
433-6.10-2.00	433-6.14-15.00	433-6.15-18.00
433-6.10-3.00	433-6.14-17.00	433-6.15-19.00
433-6.10-4.01	433-6.14-17.01	433-6.15-20.00
433-6.10-5.00	433-6.14-18.00	433-6.15-21.00
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433-6.11-1.00	433-6.14-24.00	433-6.15-29.00
433-6.11-2.00	433-6.14-26.00	433-6.15-29.01
433-6.11-3.00	433-6.14-27.00	433-6.15-29.02
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FRANKFORD TOWN COUNCIL
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Town of Frankford Water Rates and Fees

As of September 1, 2018 the town charges \$12.68 per thousand Gallons. This is \$.01268 per gallon

There is a \$3.00 Water Service fee per month

There is an Out of Town user fee of \$50.00 per month

There is no monthly fee for meters that are 5/8" - 3/4"

There is a monthly fee for meters that are 1" and larger of \$150.00 per Inch of diameter.

1"- \$150.00
2"- \$300.00
3"- \$450.00
4"- \$600.00
5"- \$750.00
6"- \$900.00
8"- \$1,200.00
10"- \$1,500.00

Billing is bi-monthly (every two months)

There is a late charge of 1.5% of balances past due after 30 days

